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Highlights of the King Township June 12 council meeting

King council passes amended budget

Council approved the amended 2017 operating budget. Despite a zero tax increase for homeowners in King, council is investing millions in infrastructure projects, including roads, parks, trails and increased bylaw enforcement.

The budget includes 95 capital projects totaling more than \$71 million. The biggest items include new municipal office, library expansion and new recreation facilities on Seneca College's King City campus.

You can read the report [here](#).

New street names for Nobleton subdivision

Council approved the naming of six streets for the proposed Vio Moto development in Nobleton. They are:

Street 'A' Broad Way:

Gordon Broad (1914-2002) was a lifelong Nobleton resident. In the 1950s he started a custom home building business and built over 50 homes, mostly in Nobleton. He was also an active community member, volunteering with the Junior Farmers, Nobleton Orange Lodge, St. Albans Anglican Church, Nobleton Cemetery and the Nobleton Arena Board.

Street 'B' Crawford Drive:

In 1860, Crawford School was built on William Crawford's farm (Conc. 11), serving the community of Hammertown. It was closed in 1966, with classes offered in Nobleton and Schomberg schools.

Street 'C' Stokes Drive:

Christopher Stokes emigrated from England in 1832, and shortly thereafter bought 200 acres of land at Lot 4, Concession 7, where he constructed a grist and flour mill. It was named Linton Mills but was commonly known as "Stokes Hollow".

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Lying in the heart of the Greater Toronto Area, King Township is located within York Region, one of the fastest growing and diverse economies in Canada. More than 60 per cent of the Holland Marsh, also known as Ontario's salad bowl, lies within King Township. Though predominantly rural, most of King Township's 20,000 residents live in the communities of King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. Residents and visitors are drawn to King because of its rural lifestyle, village atmosphere and quality of life.

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Street 'D' Lake Lenora Avenue:

Lake Lenora is situated on the King Road, east of the 8th Concession, on property once owned by Len and Nora Bishop. The lake is named after the Bishops. Area locals and visitors would commonly picnic by the lake on Sundays to enjoy its beauty.

Street 'E' Tomlinson Gate:

The Tomlinson name has historic relevance to Nobleton, as records indicate that the first Tomlinson family settled in Nobleton in the 1800s. Until recently, the Tomlinson family operated a long-standing and prominent business on the Vio Moto subdivision property.

Street 'F' Continuation of the existing Russell Snider Drive

Street 'G' Cap Hoover Court:

Cap Hoover's garage was located at the northwest corner of Highway 27 and King Road. The noted garage was famous for selling gasoline, ice cream and was a place to frequently meet and play billiards.

You can read the report [here](#).

Relocation of Laskay Hall

Council approved the relocation of Laskay Hall from the hamlet of Laskay to the grounds of the King Heritage and Cultural Centre in King City.

The move was unanimously supported by the Laskay Hall Board.

The decision came after extensive consultation with a number of community groups and organizations, including the King Township Heritage Advisory Committee, Arts Society King (ASK), the King Township Historical Society, the Community Museum Board, the Nobleton Children's Theatre Company and the Laskay Hall Board. The overall consensus was positive, and the Laskay Hall Board unanimously supported the move.

Some of the major factors impacting Laskay Hall today are parking, traffic and lack of community use. The inefficiency of the existing services (water, hydro, sanitary) also impact opportunities for expanded use on the current site. Due to these issues, usage has dropped over the last several years from around 600 hours a year to less than 100.

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Chris Fasciano, King's Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture said the move will result in several benefits including:

- Additional cultural programming (dance, music, arts, theatre)
- Alternative exhibit space that allows for rental of the gallery spaces at the site
- Performing arts space
- An ongoing venue for Laskay and other community events

The Heritage Advisory Committee has formally provided its support for the move, relocation and redesignation of Laskay Hall with recommendations that the move of the structure be undertaken by qualified heritage professionals and that the new location of the hall include signage that makes reference to its original address to educate future generations on its importance within both Laskay community and King Township as a whole.

The next steps in moving the hall will be repealing its designation as a heritage property for the purpose of the move and then redesignating it once it is moved to the Heritage and Cultural Centre property. A basement is also planned for the new location to be used as overflow storage for the museum and ASK and to construct the appropriate utility services (furnace, duct work, electrical upgrades).

Although the exact date of the move has yet to be determined, staff hopes to undertake it in late August or early September.

You can read the report [here](#).

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